

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY OUAGADOUGOU

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3015

INFO AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY DAKAR

AMEMBASSY BAMAKO

AMEMBASSY NOUAKCHOTT

AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN

AMEMBASSY LOME

AMEMBASSY COTONOU

AMEMBASSY CONAKRY

AMEMBASSY NIAMEY

AMEMBASSY NDJAMENA

C O N F I D E N T I A L OUAGADOUGOU 0073

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, UR, SG, UV

SUBJECT: FRANCO-AFRICAN DAKAR CONFERENCE

REF: STATE 002032

1. AS DEPARTMENT IS WELL AWARE, PRESIDENT LAMIZANA AND OTHER VOLTAN OFFICIALS HAVE OFTEN EXPRESSED TO ME THEIR DEEP CONCERN OVER INCREASED SOVIET INFLUENCE AND ACTIVITIES IN AFRICA IN GENERAL AND IN WEST AFRICA IN PARTICULAR. UPPER VOLTA WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY WELCOME CLOSER DEFENSE LINKS WITH CERTAIN WEST AFRICAN STATES. SOME INFORMAL LINKS MAY ALREADY EXIST BETWEEN UPPER VOLTA, TOGO AND NIGER. ON AT LEAST  
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ONE OCCASION, FOR EXAMPLE, NIGER PROVIDED A TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT FOR THE TRAINING OF VOLTAN PARATROPPERS.

2. IN DEFENSE FIELD, UPPER VOLTA APPEARS TO BE DRAWING AWAY FROM FRANCE WHICH, SINCE INDEPENDENCE, HAS BEEN PRACTICALLY ONLY SOURCE OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE. CONFIDENCE IN FRANCE WAS GREATLY SHAKEN DURING MALI/UPPER

VOLTA BORDER DISPUTE WHEN FRANCE INSISTED ON THREATING  
VOTH COUNTRIES ON EQUAL FOOTING. IN THE FACE OF  
GROWING ANTI-FRENCH SENTIMENT FRANCE FINALLY  
RELENTED AND PERMITTED UPPER VOLTA TO PURCHASE A SMALL  
AMOUNT OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT. SINCE THEN, UPPER VOLTA  
HAS BEEN LOOKING MAINLY TO THE UNITED STATES FOR ITS ARMS  
PURCHASES. AS LONG AS FRANCE MAINTAINS CORDIAL RELATIONS  
WITH MALI, I DOUBT THAT UPPER VOLTA WOULD BE VERY  
ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT STRENGTHENING DEFENSE LINKS WITH  
FRANCE.  
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